

Catherine Vancho, Milford Community

“I support adding the Naturopathic Scope Expansion language to bill #5537”

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“The Naturopathic profession is seeking to modernize and update their 90 year old practice act in order to provide more comprehensive care to their patients. Please support attaching the ND Scope Expansion Act language to House Bill 5537 at the public hearing taking place this Friday”.

Public Hearing Schedule:

WHEN: Friday, March 14, 2014 WHERE: Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Conn., Room 1D

Attention: Public Health Committee

I am personally writing to you to gain your support in the effort to expand the legal scope of Naturopathic Doctors (ND's) in the State of Connecticut. It is imperative that we stand behind our ND's and the community to not only enhance their value when servicing the community but to grant them the rights they deserve to practice to their capacity, given they have extensive education, training and clinical experience that your regular MD and nurse practitioner has.

In my view, patients should be able to go their preferred ND for their primary care services, and not have to make a separate appointment to see a conventional MD for prescription drugs or minor in-office procedures. This not only impacts patients time-wise and emotionally by delaying care but it restricts them from the “one-stop” service they deserve with the ND they are comfortable with.

It is my hope that the Naturopathic Modernization Act ‘Scope of Practice’ will be updated and implemented sooner than later. After all, it is already legislated in 17 states. Let's see this happen in Connecticut! Not only will this affect our economic growth in a positive way by keeping our best ND's local and available to their patients, but overall, our community will benefit tremendously by adopting these changes.

I appreciate your time in allowing me to share with you how passionate I am about this topic and I hope I made a good impression. It is well worth the time and effort. Might I add that I have a tremendous love for nature!

I look forward to hearing your thoughts. Please feel free to respond via email at cathyvancho@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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